

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0032] of the specification, beginning at page 7, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] The pneumatic tire 2 has a carcass layer 3 formed by arranging carcass cords at a cord angle of approximately 90° relative to a circumferential direction of the tire. The carcass layer 3 is formed so as to extend from a tread 4 toward either side to bead portions 6, 6 through sidewall portions 5, 5, and to have its both end portions folded from an inner side of the tire toward an outer side thereof around bead cores 7, 7. On an outer peripheral side of the carcass layer 3, two belt layers 8 formed of steel cords are disposed so as to allow the cords to intersect with each other between the layers. At the both end portions of the belt layers 8, reinforcement layers 9 are provided so as to be sandwiched between the belt layers 8 and the carcass layer 3, respectively. The reinforcement layers 9 include extension portions 9a, 9b. As described above, extension portions 9a extend to the inside of the belt layer by 5mm, and extension portions 9b extend to the outside of the belt layer by 10 mm.